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SUBJECT: ATTACK ON ROMANIAN MISSION DOORMAN

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED NOTE VERBALE FROM ROMANIAN MISSION CONCERNING INCIDENT WHICH TOOK PLACE SEPTEMBER 6, 1976 INVOLVING ATTACK ON DOORMAN AT ROMANIAN MISSION. TEXT OF NOTE IS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT OF NOTE:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1976, AT ABOUT 11 O'CLOCK PM TWO INDIVIDUALS ATTACKED WITH A KNIFE THE DOORMAN AT THE ENTRANCE IN THE BUILDING OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ROMANIA, AT 573-577 THIRD AVENUE. THE DOORMAN WAS IMMOBILIZED, MOLESTED AND SLIGHTLY CUT ON HIS RIGHT ARM. HIS SHIRT WAS DEMONSTRATIVELY RIPPED UP WITH THE KNIFE. THE TWO INDIVIDUALS THREATENED THAT WHAT THEY HAVE DONE IS ONLY A SAMPLE OF WHAT THEY INTEND TO DO IN THE FUTURE TO EVERY MEMBER OF THE MISSION'S STAFF.

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ROMANIA HAS ALREADY INFORMED THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IN A NOTE VERBALE NO. 977, DATED AUGUST 16, 1976, ABOUT THE FACT THAT IN THE RECENT MONTHS THE STAFF OF THE MISSION HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY HARASSED, THREATENED AND MENACED BY GROUPS OF PERSONS AND INDIVIDUALS.

THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ROMANIA EX-
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PRESSES, ONCE AGAIN, HIS REGRET THAT NO MEASURES

WERE TAKEN BY THE AMERICAN AUTHRORITIES TO PREVENT AND TO PUT AN END TO SUCH DANGEROUS ACTS AND TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY PROTECTION TO THE MISSION'S STAFF.

IN THIS RESPECT, THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ROMANIA WOULD LIKE TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THAT IN THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 573-577 THIRD AVENUE, WHERE THE OFFICES OF THE PERMANENT MISSION HAVE BEEN MOVED, IS LODGED THE STAFF OF THE MISSION, INCLUDING THEIR WIVES AND CHILDREN.

THE HOSTILE AND CRIMINAL ELEMENTS MAY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCE IN ORDER TO PERPETRATE VIOLENT ACTS AGAINST THE STAFF MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

THE PERMANENT REPRESENTTIVE OF ROMANIA REQUESTS THAT ALL NECESSARY MEASURES BE TAKEN BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES INCLUDING THE LOCAL POLICE, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE ADEQUATE PROTECTION OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ROMANIA AND ITS STAFF AND TO PREVENT AND THWART ANY ACTS OF THE KIND COMMITTED ON SEPTEMBER 6, 1976. END TEXT OF NOTE.

2. AMBASSADOR DATCU RAISED MATTER IN LOW KEY DURING TALK WITH AMBASSADOR BENNETT SEPTEMBER 9. HIS SOLICITOUS ATTITUDE WAS IN GREAT CONTRAST TO BLUSTERING MANNER THIS KIND OF MATTER HAS BEEN RAISED BY OTHER EASTERN EUROPEANS IN THE PAST. AMBASSADOR DATCU ASKED IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR US TO ARRANGE FOR FIXED POST AT ROMANIAN MISSION. WE ARE LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITY.

3. POLICE HAVE ADVISED US THAT ATTACK ON DOORMAN OCCURRED WHEN DOORMAN OBSERVED TWO UNKNOWN MALES ATTEMPTING TO CARVE WRITINGS ON FRONT DOOR OF MIGWQON. WHEN HE TRIED TO STOP THEM, THEY CUT HIM ON ARM. INJURY WAS NOT SERIOUS AND HE REFUSED MEDICAL AID.

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4. WE HAVE SPOKEN TO DETECTIVE PELLICANE OF 17TH DETECTIVE SQUAD CONCERNING INCIDENT. HE NU OBTAINED DESCRIPTION OF PERPETRATORS AND OF CAR PERPETRATORS USED TO GET AWAY FROM ROMANIAN MISSION. HE HAS MADE APPOINTMENT OT VISIT ROMANIAN MISSION OFFICIALS IN EFFORT TO TAKE FURTHER STEPS TO APPREHEND PERPETRATORS. BENNETT

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